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3601 4th Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.. Jan. 21, 1919.

Dear Mother:-

Your letter came yesterday and it was the first I knew of your having been in the hospital perhaps letters are not going through as they should though for by the time you wrote you should have received two from me. I guess that I ought to have staid at home a while longer.

I was down at Aunt Kate's a little while Sunday. Agnes hears from Willie real often of course and she said the last she heard from uncle Anthony was that he was doing remarkably well. No doubt you know all about that by this time though. Elder Cook died in Sierra Madre just lately. He had been living there about a year. I do wish some of us had known it Aunt Kate said she did not know it either until after he was gone. Will Gilmonro's have moved to Montana, one of their near neighbors is Frank Honeburg. To go back to Elder Cook he had influenza about a year ago and had not been well since and that was the reason he was in Sierra Madre.

Uncle Carl had just been up to Paso Robles and the surrounding country. He said he wished father would look the country over. He said land was from \$35 to \$65 an acre and was good soil and needs no irragation. Also the soil is good though rolling. He said it was good for grain and all kinds of fruit nearly except citrus fruit and he wished father would come and look at the land anyway. One peice uncle Carl saw yielded 18 sacks to an acre, ^{in barley last summer}

At last I got word from Kentucky. The home board after investigation decided that one worker would not be sufficient and chose a married couple to go there. They had to send my letters to a board and have them act before they could write anything definat to me.

Some more of the news. Gladys graduated from grammar school Friday afternoon. Clifford Smith has danger of going into St. Vitus dance as he is very nervous. Mrs Smith is living on a diet of milk and raw carrots. Lena is about to give up sewing. They live in a smaller house they now own and rent the other and Verna gets over a hundred a month. And since Lena's eyes are poor she thinks she does not

need to sew now. Vera and Luther were shown Christmas. They brought Aunt Kate down some popcorn some of which she popped while I was there and it was fine. Ruth was down at Long Beach when I was there.

Dr. Torrey will be back to preach Sunday. Dr. French Oliver has been taking his place.

Tomorrow I will have been out here on 4th Avenue a week. I like it very much. Mr. Mc Hargue the woman's husband was a dentist and her husband's uncle who stays here is also a dentist. So far she has not worked since I came. She is thinking of going to business college and taking in a couple of boarders but so many things are too hard for her to do. She has had two jobs since her husband died both too hard for her. But both jobs were hard. I like the children very much. Mrs Mc Hargue says she would go as a missionary if were not for her girls but she would be worse off than she is without them. She was here alone for about three hours the other day and she did get so lonesome.

I called up one of the workers at the Mission where I taught in Sunday School today. She not only asked me to come out but told me that the Italians now have a church of their own and they have an Italian pastor also. I intend to go out to visit them soon. I also want to go over to Aunt Addie's soon as I can walk there from here.

I wanted to send Isabelle something for her birthday but somehow have not got it sent yet but will try to send it tomorrow. What made all of them have such colds there must be a good reason for it. I hope next time some of them will write.

With love to all of you.

Hazel Todd.

ought to go on to school in the fall and is prepared to help me if I do but it seems hardly the right thing to do. However that is not for me to decide. If I have ever made plans they have miserably failed but this time never have failed and never will. This second year at B. I have been about the most difficult thing in some respects I have ever been put at but I have seen me clear through and the graduation this last term are better than they were the first term. And best of all I have not had to for four any money this year.

There are lots more things I have to tell but that will come latter. Now I wish you could be here next week and some of the rest of you also.

With lots of love for all of you

Hazel Todd.

536-558 So Hope St. Los Angeles, Calif.
June, 13, 1919.

Dear Mother:-

It has been the longest time since I have written I have forgotten when it was. But now the last examination has been taken and the last paper handed in and I am through and it does seem good at present not to have on hand a lot of studying that simply has to be done. And yet I am sorry in some ways that it is so nearly over.

Now that other things are over there is so much practicing for graduations, shows, picnics and socials it is enough to keep us busy on that. But we will not be together long now until we will be scattered all over the earth. And there are some of the girls I have come to think so much of. We had one shower Friday afternoon and will have another one tomorrow afternoon. The one Friday was for one of the girls I have been with the most since coming here and is going to Bolivia in October. The one tomorrow is for a girl going down to Central America in August and the young man she is engaged to is ~~now~~ already there and was president of last year's graduating class.

Saturday we had a get together picnic out at Lynamore Grove. One sad thing about that day was that our class president had to go to sing for the funeral of the

man who wrote "Trust and Obey". He also had once been on the faculty of the Bible Institute. He wrote other songs that I like very much but perhaps you never heard them.

Today we had our senior picnic and Dr. Torrey was with us. The men of the class furnished and cooked the breakfast and it was a good one. We had cantaloupes, boiled eggs, toast and cocoa. The cocoa was splendid too. Our dinner was furnished from the dining room and it certainly tasted good. We all had to get back by the middle of the afternoon. But we surely had a wonderful time together. Today we were out under the pines in Elysian park. Dr. Torrey certainly helped us to have a good time.

Friday evening the Juniors are going to give us a reception, Sunday is the Baccalaureate sermon and Tuesday evening the graduating exercises. Tomorrow evening we are going to San Pedro where the Institute evangelist is holding services and our class president is leading the singing. Our class president is the first tenor of the Institute quartet. This summer he and three other students are going to go out singing as a quartet with Mr. Morgan and another man up and down to the coast. Two of the young men live at Redley and perhaps we could get them to come to Strathmore for one or two services. They have been furnished a car and their expenses are already met so it would mean no expense to have them come. And if offerings are taken they can be put to other uses than to pay them. They are good singers so for they sing every word so you can hear it and as though they meant it.

Just what I will do next week is more than I know. I suppose I will have to go down to Aunt Addie's and Aunt Kate's and there are some other places I should go to. Then I promised Ralph on my word of honor I would not go home until I go to see Mrs. Neirneyer, I want to go to part of the C. C. convention and so that will take the rest of next week and probably the next. If it were not for the fact that the two years at B. I. have been somewhat strenuous I would work this summer and perhaps I will do so yet but I scarcely dare suggest it here. I wish that it was work of some kind when the others tell of the wonderful things they will do this summer. And after that I suppose it may be work for a while. One woman who has been helping me a little. This term is sure I

Jan. 26, 1919

536-558 So. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 26, '19.

Dear Mother:-

Your welcomed letter came such a long time ago and yet the time in which to write letters is so very limited. The meetings began last Sunday and will close the sixteenth of next month. They are so good it is hard to ever stay away. And the studies go on the same as usual. Of course the meetings make more work in our department and it seems so hard to get competent help for even this simple work. And the work does take up a lot of my time.

In one way I have no kick coming because I am paid by the hour. The extra work is the reason they asked us girls to work at least sufficient hours to pay our board until these meetings are over.

Today I am having to work nearly all day. In fact at this minute I am being paid by the hour down here in charge of the check room. When this afternoon meeting is over that is going on I will go up and help straighten out the Auditorium for the third time today then eat supper and then go to a big Presbyterian mass meeting to be held here this evening. I will have to usher tonight. Last week I ushered four evenings. Last night it was for the anti-saloon league meeting. Captain Hobson spoke. The thing they are after now is get the selling of liquor in China, India and Africa stopped. Their point is that brewers will simply move to these countries and carry on their business more than

were among those helpless and ignorant people. I took notes and so have the main material for further reference.

Did Alice miss school long when she was sick? So far as I know at present none of the girls in the building quarantined for influenza and that is a thing which has not happened for some time.

The things in my Christmas box still hold out. Probably one reason is I do not have much time to lunch when I am in my room. Every thing was very good as usual. I still have most of my figs and raisins left. All the girls who have tasted the figs or olives said they were the best they ever tasted.

The girl in the room next to mine is going home in a day or two. Her parents are quite old and it seems so hard for her to go. She really should not be called a girl but she is so tiny. She is both passed seventy and she is over thirty-five. She never went to school after she finished grammar school but seems so bright and is so clever in the use of her fingers. She did so want to finish though.

This Monday and I will now add a few more words. The auditorium was well filled last night. That is there were not more than a hundred vacant seats left. During these influenza days it seems harder to get a crowd. Dr. Smith moderator of the General Assembly and Dr. Davies secretary of the board of ministerial relief spoke. John Willis Bhaer presided over the meeting. Dr. Davies gave a wonderful address. He spoke on the way in which the church of today might carry on its program. He is a thorough going pre-millennialist and is almost as good a speaker as Dr. Evans. One reason why is he has something to say.

Isabelle in her letter said Aunt Lillian and Mrs. Ellis were there. Of course you must enjoy having them there but I hope they can come down here before these meetings are over. How long have they been there and is Uncle George coming too? How do they like it there? Give my love to them and. Of course I want to see them but will have to wait until they can get here as there is scarcely any thing which would tear me away from B. J. I am sorry I did not even get around to write to Isabelle until after her birthday and then wrote a newspaper instead of a letter.

Just at present I have no Sunday school class. They tore me away from the mission and gave me another class temporarily until she could come back from taking care of her sister who was sick. She is now back and I do not know where they will put me now.

Isabelle must be carrying on high school work under difficulties with those people having been sick.

Aunt Addie was here a while this afternoon. She said they were all as well as usual. She said it was hard though after all the sacrifices she had made to send the children to school to come here to Los Angeles and have the schools closed. She had been shopping and came to see me afterwards. She said Aunt Kate was well as usual. Uncle Carl is working as usual. Uncle Ed works six hours on week days and ten hours on Sundays and holidays. Gladys got some of her lessons assigned to her but the other children do not. Aunt Addie had got up courage to buy Uncle Ed a shirt. Sately she said she had bought some wash neckties

and he wore them and this time she went a step further.
Weather had been down about ten days since New Years.
The baby is growing fine and sits alone. Mrs. George
Smith is still having to diet. Aunt Addie said she
looks better but was still very thin. The schools in
Long Beach are closed down now.

Aunt Addie said that in Grandmother's letter it said
Uncle George was there. I am surely behind the times.
Isabelle said nothing about that.

This letter is pretty short not having written so long
but must close now.

With love to all of you,

Hazel Todd.

Jan. 28, 1919.



Mrs. C. A. Todd,
Strathmore,
Calif..

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